

# Daily Digest

## Senate

### Chamber Action

*Routine Proceedings, pages S5587–S5635*

**Measures Introduced:** Nine bills and two resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 1552–1560, and S. Res. 266–267. **Page S5624**

**Measures Passed:**

**Hispanic Heritage Month:** Senate agreed to S. Res. 267, recognizing Hispanic Heritage Month and celebrating the heritage and culture of Latinos in the United States and the immense contributions of Latinos to the United States. **Pages S5631–32**

**Measures Considered:**

**Burmese Freedom and Democracy Act—Agreement:** Senate began consideration of H.J. Res. 66, approving the renewal of import restrictions contained in the Burmese Freedom and Democracy Act of 2003, after agreeing to the motion to proceed, and taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto: **Pages S5594–S5616, S5617–18**

Pending:

Reid Amendment No. 602, to provide additional appropriations for disaster relief in fiscal years 2011 and 2012. **Pages S5617–18**

Reid Amendment No. 603 (to Amendment No. 602), to change the enactment date. **Page S5617**

Reid Amendment No. 604 (to Amendment No. 603), of a perfecting nature. **Page S5617**

Reid Amendment No. 605 (to the language proposed to be stricken by Amendment No. 602), of a perfecting nature. **Page S5617**

Reid Amendment No. 606 (to Amendment No. 605), of a perfecting nature. **Page S5617**

Reid Motion to commit the joint resolution to the Committee on Finance with instructions, Reid Amendment No. 607, to change the enactment date. **Page S5617**

Reid Amendment No. 608 (to (the instructions) Amendment No. 607), of a perfecting nature. **Page S5617**

Reid Amendment No. 609 (to Amendment No. 608), of a perfecting nature. **Pages S5617–18**

A motion was entered to close further debate on Reid Amendment No. 602 (listed above), and, in ac-

cordance with the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on cloture will occur on Friday, September 16, 2011. **Page S5617**

A motion was entered to close further debate on the joint resolution, and, in accordance with the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on cloture will occur upon disposition of Reid Amendment No. 602 (listed above). **Page S5617**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the joint resolution at approximately 10:30 a.m., on Thursday, September 15, 2011. **Page S5632**

**Nominations Confirmed:** Senate confirmed the following nominations:

Mary B. DeRosa, of the District of Columbia, to be an Alternate Representative of the United States of America to the Sixty-sixth Session of the General Assembly of the United Nations. (Prior to this action, Committee on Foreign Relations was discharged from further consideration.) **Pages S5631, S5635**

Frank E. Loy, of the District of Columbia, to be an Alternate Representative of the United States of America to the Sixty-sixth Session of the General Assembly of the United Nations. (Prior to this action, Committee on Foreign Relations was discharged from further consideration.) **Pages S5631, S5635**

Kendrick B. Meek, of Florida, to be a Representative of the United States of America to the Sixty-sixth Session of the General Assembly of the United Nations. (Prior to this action, Committee on Foreign Relations was discharged from further consideration.) **Pages S5631, S5635**

**Nominations Received:** Senate received the following nominations:

David Campos Guaderrama, of Texas, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Texas.

Michael Anthony McFaul, of California, to be Ambassador to the Russian Federation.

1 Army nomination in the rank of general.

2 Coast Guard nominations in the rank of admiral.

Routine lists in the Army and Navy. **Page S5632**  
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**Adjournment:** Senate convened at 9:30 a.m. and adjourned, as a further mark of respect to the memory of the late former Senator Malcolm Wallop, at 7:12 p.m., until 9:30 a.m. on Thursday, September 15, 2011. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S5632.)

## Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

### APPROPRIATIONS: FINANCIAL SERVICES AND GENERAL GOVERNMENT

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Financial Service and General Government approved for full committee consideration an original bill making appropriations for Financial Services and General Government for fiscal year 2012.

### APPROPRIATIONS: COMMERCE, JUSTICE, SCIENCE, AND RELATED AGENCIES

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies approved for full committee consideration an original bill making appropriations for Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies for fiscal year 2012.

### GENERAL AND FLAG OFFICER REQUIREMENTS

*Committee on Armed Services:* Subcommittee on Personnel concluded a hearing to examine general and flag officer requirements, after receiving testimony from Clifford L. Stanley, Under Secretary for Personnel and Readiness, Vice Admiral William E. Gortney, USN, Director, Joint Staff, General Peter W. Chiarelli, USA, Vice Chief of Staff, United States Army, Admiral Mark E. Ferguson III, USN, Vice Chief of Naval Operations, United States Navy, General Joseph F. Dunford, Jr., USMC, Assistant Commandant, United States Marine Corps, and General Philip M. Breedlove, USAF, Vice Chief of Staff,

United States Air Force, all of the Department of Defense; and Benjamin J. Freeman, Project on Government Oversight, Washington, D.C.

### INSURANCE REGULATION

*Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs:* Subcommittee on Securities, Insurance and Investment concluded a hearing to examine emerging issues in insurance regulation, after receiving testimony from Baird Webel, Specialist in Financial Economics, Congressional Research Service, Library of Congress; Therese M. Vaughan, National Association of Insurance Commissioners, Washington, D.C.; Mary A. Weiss, Temple University, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania; and Daniel Schwarcz, University of Minnesota Law School, Minneapolis.

### REFINANCING AND RESTRUCTURING MORTGAGE LOANS

*Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs:* Subcommittee on Housing, Transportation and Community Development concluded a hearing to examine new ideas for refinancing and restructuring mortgage loans, including S. 170, to provide for the affordable refinancing of mortgages held by Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac, after receiving testimony from Senators Boxer and Isakson; Richard A. Smith, Realtylog Corporation, Parsippany, New Jersey; Mark A. Calabria, Cato Institute, and David H. Stevens, Mortgage Bankers Association, both of Washington, D.C.; Ivy Zelman, Zelman and Associates, Beachwood, Ohio; Marcia J. Griffin, HomeFree-USA, Hyattsville, Maryland; Mark Zandi, Moody's Analytics, West Chester, Pennsylvania; Anthony B. Sanders, George Mason University Mercatus Center, Fairfax, Virginia; and Christopher J. Mayer, Columbia Business School, New York, New York.

### INTERCITY PASSENGER RAIL

*Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:* Subcommittee on Surface Transportation and Merchant Marine Infrastructure, Safety, and Security concluded a hearing to examine moving intercity passenger rail into the future, after receiving testimony from Joseph C. Szabo, Federal Railroad Administrator, and Mitchell Behm, Assistant Inspector General for Rail, Maritime and Economic Analysis, both of the Department of Transportation; and Joseph H. Boardman, President and CEO, and Ted Alves, Inspector General, National Railroad Passenger Corporation, both of AMTRAK.

### TAX REFORM OPTIONS

*Committee on Finance:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine tax reform options, focusing on marginal rates on high-income taxpayers, capital gains and dividends, after receiving testimony from Dennis